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APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. FIRST NAMED INVENTOR 09/664,794 09/19/00 BRADSHAW F PM 271077 **EXAMINER** IM22/0820 PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP SELLS, J 1100 NEW YORK AVENUE N W ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER 9TH FLOOR 10 WASHINGTON DC 20005 1734 DATE MAILED:

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|   | Office Action Summary  | Examiner      |          | Art Unit   |  |
|   | -  | James Sells   |          | 1734   |  |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address   |  |               |          |  |  |
| Period for Reply  |  |               |          |  |  |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). |  |               |          |  |  |
| Status  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 1)⊠   | and the state of t |               |          |  |  |
| 2a)⊠  | This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This action is non-final.  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is   |               |          |  |  |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the ments is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| Disposition of Claims   |  |               |          |  |  |
| 4) Claim(s) 36-47 is/are pending in the application.  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| 6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>36-47</u> is/are rejected.  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| Application Papers  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  |  |               |          |  |  |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.   |  |               |          |  |  |
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| Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120  13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  |  |               |          |  |  |
| a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:  |  |               |          |  |  |
| 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.   |  |               |          |  |  |
|   | 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No   |               |          |  |  |
| 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage   |  |               |          |  |  |
| application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  |  |               |          |  |  |
| a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.  15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.   |  |               |          |  |  |
| Attachment(s)   |  |               |          |  |  |
| 2) Not  | ice of References Cited (PTO-892) ice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) rmation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)   |               |          | ary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)<br>al Patent Application (PTO-152) |  |

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Reissue Applications

1. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), a supplemental reissue oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) must be received before this reissue application can be allowed.

Claims 36-47 are rejected as being based upon a defective declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. See 37 CFR 1.175. The nature of the defect is set forth above.

Receipt of an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251. An example of acceptable language to be used in the supplemental oath/declaration is as follows:

"Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Sells whose telephone number is (703) 308-2090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (703) 308-3853. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7718 for regular communications and (703) 305-3599 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0651.

3. Applicant is encouraged to <u>FAX</u> After Final Amendments (37 CFR 1.116) to expedite delivery to the Examiner. The Group 1700 Facsimile number is (703) 305-3599. A duplicate mailed copy of the facsimile transmission is not required and will only serve to delay processing of your application.

If applicant prefers to mail in After Final correspondence it is highly recommended that such be mailed <u>BOX AF</u>, which will also facilitate processing from the mailroom and within Group 1700.

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

JAMES SELLS PRIMARY EXAMINER TECH. CENTER 1700